

H. R. 808.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 28, 1849.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOTTS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To classify the clerks of the military departments of the army and to qualify their salaries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That the clerks now authorized by law for the
4 several military departments of the army, attached to the
5 War Department, shall be divided into classes, with the
6 same salary for each class as hereinafter stated, namely:
7 chief clerks, with a salary of sixteen hundred dollars a
8 year each; first class clerks, with a salary of fourteen
9 hundred dollars a year each; second class clerks, with a
10 salary of twelve hundred dollars a year each; and third
11 class clerks, with a salary of one thousand dollars a year

12 each. Which salaries shall be in full for all public ser-
 13 vices of whatsoever kind they may perform.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall
 2 be allowed to each of the military departments hereinafter
 3 named, one messenger, with a salary of seven hundred
 4 dollars per annum; which sum shall be in full for all pub-
 5 lic services of whatsoever kind they may render.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be
 2 lawful for the respective military departments to employ
 3 the number of clerks, as hereinafter stated and classified,
 4 and no more, either of any particular class or in the ag-
 5 gregate, namely: in the office of the adjutant general, one
 6 chief clerk, two first class clerks, two second class clerks,
 7 and three third class clerks; in the office of the chief
 8 engineer, one chief clerk, two first class clerks, one second
 9 class clerk, and one third class clerk; in the office of
 10 the surgeon general, one chief clerk, one first class
 11 clerk, and one third class clerk; in the office of the
 12 colonel of ordnance, one chief clerk, two first class clerks,
 13 two second class clerks, and three third class clerks; in the
 14 office of the paymaster general, one chief clerk, two first
 15 class clerks, two second class clerks, and three third class
 16 clerks; in the office of the quartermaster general, one
 17 chief clerk, two first class clerks, two second class clerks,
 18 and one third class clerk; in the office of the commissary

19 general of subsistence, one chief clerk, two first class
20 clerks, and one second class clerk; and in the office of the
21 colonel of topographical engineers, one chief clerk, one
22 second class clerk, and two third class clerks: *Provided*,
23 That the extra clerks, for whose compensation provision
24 is made by existing appropriations, may be retained in
25 employment so long as these appropriations provide for.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much
2 money as may be necessary, in addition to the appropria-
3 tions made by the act entitled "An act making appropria-
4 tions for the civil and diplomatic expenses for the fiscal
5 year commencing July first, eighteen hundred and forty-
6 nine, to pay the salaries of the regular clerks authorized
7 by the third section of this act, be, and the same is hereby,
8 appropriated out of any money in the treasury not other-
9 wise appropriated.